

Ayers Given Rousing Send-Off by His Many Admirers

GETTING IN SHAPE FOR THE TIMES-DISPATCH MODIFIED MARATHON

Applications Being Received From Runners All Over the State—Time to Get Busy Has Arrived. Athletes Should Be Registered at Once. Richmond Gladly to Greet Visitors.

With practically every college throughout the State ready to fling open its doors during this week, entries to The Times-Dispatch Modified Marathon, over a course of twelve miles through the streets of Richmond on October 4, will be coming in at a rapid rate. To date thirty-two runners have sent in their applications, while twelve that number have made inquiries, and will register as soon as their applications have been passed on favorably by the Amateur Athletic Union. For the benefit of those who may not be registered with the A. A. U., it is stated that Allen J. Saville is the athletic commissioner for this district, and should be consulted at once. His office is on the tenth floor of The Times-Dispatch Building, and he will be glad to give any information desired.

Teams may be entered from any institution in the State of Virginia—Y. M. C. A.'s, athletic clubs, colleges, prep schools, universities, social centres, etc.

Teams must, however, consist of not less than three men, and each man must be eighteen years old or over and bring a physician's certificate stating that he is physically able to run the race. Each team entered will have a chance at the grand three-year prize given by The Times-Dispatch to the team scoring the greatest number of points for three years. In addition to scoring on the three-year prize, each of the first ten teams will receive prizes, while the individual members of these teams will be given medals of bronze, silver or gold, depending upon the position of their team.

Should Read Rules Carefully.

How the points will be counted for each of the teams is explained in the rules governing the Marathon printed on another page of the Sporting Section. Likewise, the individual scoring is explained. These rules should be carefully read by each applicant. The team scoring first will be that team whose three men arrive at the finish first. It is not necessary that the first team have a man scoring first. He may not land better than tenth, but if his two teammates beat out any other team, he wins first place in the team scoring.

For instance, team No. 1 may have a man finishing in fifth place, another in twelfth and the third man fourteenth, yet if the next team have a man finishing third, fifteenth and fiftieth, No. 1 wins first place.

The individual finishing first will receive a gold watch, and the second man a silver watch. The third man will receive a silver cup, the fourth man a gold medal, a replica of the grand prize, and the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth men to finish receive silver medals, likewise replicas of the grand prize. Every entrant who finishes will receive a medal.

In the matter of team prizes the first team home gets a solid silver loving cup and gold medals to each member of that team; to the second team will go a plaque and silver medals to each member of that team. The third team also gets a plaque and each member of the team will be presented with a medal. In addition to these prizes the teams will score on the grand prize.

From every quarter of the State inquiries are being received by the Marathon Editor. The interest with which this popular among football admirers, because of his ability, will coach the cadets, and expects to put a winning team on the field, for the first game, which will be played on Wednesday, October 16, with John Marshall High School, at Broad Street Park.

The last year's men who will again be seen representing the green and white will be Pollard (manager), Fletcher (captain), Hoan, Street, Furr, Parsons, Schmitt, Mahoney, Shaughnessy, Cheatwood, Morrison and Kain.

While Benedictine College is preparing a winning team, the other three teams are not idle, but a great many of last year's men from all three schools have graduated, and new material must be secured.

Nevertheless, the season this fall is looked forward to as the most successful one in years.

Following is a complete (league) schedule. Other schedules will be published later.

October 15—Benedictine College vs. John Marshall High School.  
October 22—McGuire's vs. Richmond Academy.  
October 29—Benedictine College vs. Richmond Academy.  
November 5—John Marshall High School vs. McGuire's.  
November 12—Benedictine College vs. McGuire's.  
November 19—John Marshall High School vs. Richmond Academy.

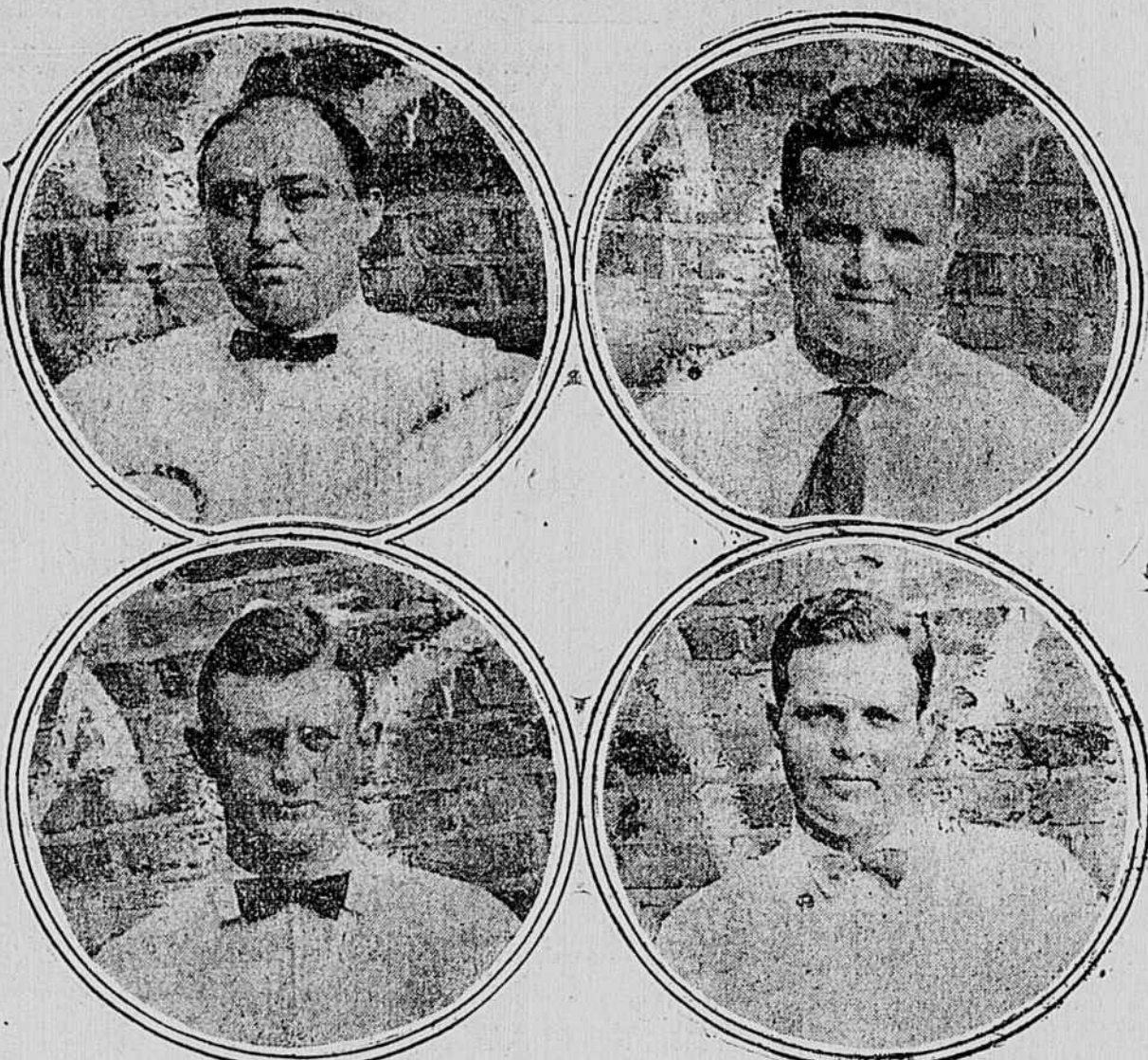
national institution, every organization devoting any time to athletics, will be represented either by teams or by individuals. Virginia will send a team; V. M. I. will send a team; V. P. I. will surely have one man entered, and may have a team of three; Washington and Lee will have a team, and maybe two teams, at least that's what report says; Richmond College will have a team, as will Hampden-Sidney and Randolph-Macon. The William and Mary will surely have one runner entered.

Many Local Teams.  
Richmond will have teams from the Grays, the Howitzers, Church Civic Association, the Blues, Life Insurance Company of Virginia Athletic Association, First National Bank Athletic Association, Y. M. C. A., Benedictine College, McGuire's University School and other organizations.

In addition to these teams there will be numbers of unattached athletes. These unattached runners, it should be remembered, will score, and if they later join a club the points scored by them will go to the credit of the club or organization with which they become affiliated.

Governor-Elect Stuart will be on hand to deliver the prizes to the winners. Dr. W. A. Lambeth, of the University of Virginia, will have active (Continued on Sixth Page.)

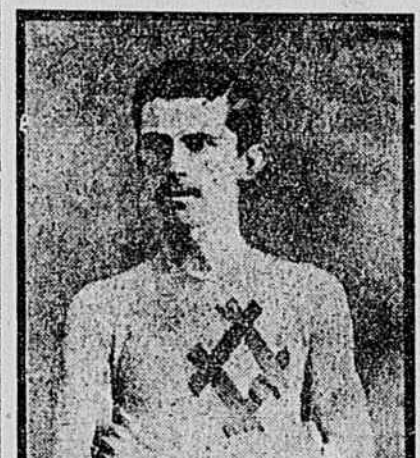
CAROLINA'S BIG FOUR



Top row, left to right—Head Coach "Doggie" Trenchard, Arthur Blumenthal. Bottom row, left to right—Tol Pendleton, Thomas A. Wilson. This quartet from Yale is expected to turn out a winning football team for the Tarheels. They are preparing now for Virginia on Thanksgiving Day.

WHAT RICHMOND BOY DID ON TRACK

"Lonnie" Myers's Performances Should Spur Moderns to Run in Marathon.



"LONNIE" E. MYERS.

The following communication, telling of the prowess on the cinder paths of a Richmond lad something more than two decades ago, will be of peculiar interest just now in view of the approaching Modified Marathon to be run under the auspices of The Times-Dispatch through the streets of Richmond on Saturday afternoon, October 4.

Dear Sir—With the Marathon race in view, I thought it would interest the young generation to tell them about a Richmond boy, whose swiftness of foot brought him a world-wide reputation.

Lawrence E. Myers, called by his playmates "Lonny" Myers, was born in Richmond and lived here until he was seventeen or eighteen years old. He then moved to New York. A bright, quick boy, of a most lovable disposition, and loved by all of his school-mates, always in the front in baseball, (Continued on Sixth Page.)

DR. PARKER PLANS FEATURE CONTEST

Joe Boehling, Caught by His Brother Frank, to Play in Game.

"When Joe Boehling returns to Richmond after the big league season is over, I am going to have a game played at Broad Street Park between my old and new Battle Axes, with the batteries, Joe Boehling and Frank Boehling, for the old team, and Charlie Strain and Billy Hay, for the newer Axes," said Dr. Parker last night.

For two weeks Dr. Parker has had this thing "up his sleeve," and has finally let it go, much to the satisfaction of his team, both old and new.

After the game, Dr. Parker will give his players a banquet, and with the completion of this spread, the jollifications will end.

The game should be a very interesting one, and those who have watched Joe Boehling pitch will have a chance to see the "Richmond Thunderbolt" in action.

JOE LAUGHLIN TO MANAGE BUILDERS

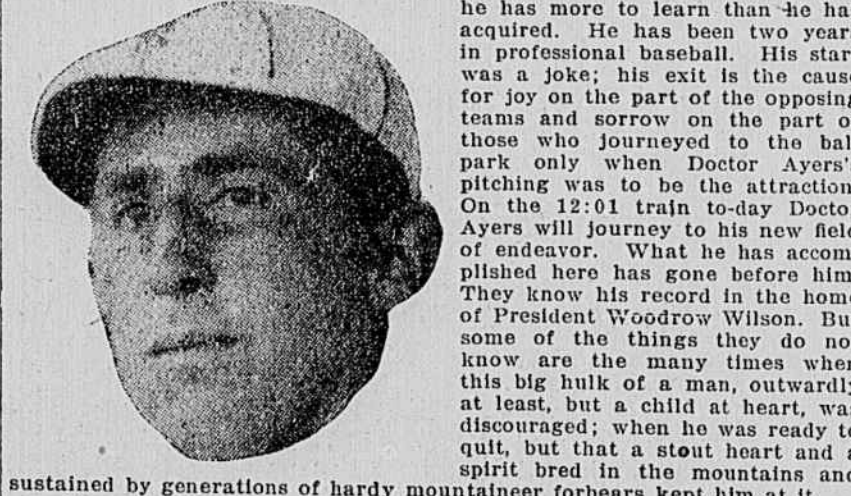
Formal Announcement That Petersburg Catcher Would Lead Newport News Made.

Petersburg, Va., September 6.—The fans of Petersburg learned with regret this afternoon that Papa Joseph McLaughlin would sever his connection with the Petersburg team at the close of the season. Laughlin has been with Petersburg for three years, and his work behind the bat has won many a game for the Gobblers. He is a prime favorite with the fans and families, who always felt that Laughlin behind the bat that position was filled by a veteran, one who thoroughly understood and faithfully performed the duties necessary to fill that important position.

Laughlin has requested his release to enable him to accept the position of manager of the Newport News team, which has been offered him, and the directors of the Petersburg club have decided to grant his request and allow him to accept the offer made by Newport News.

Why Richmond Fans Think Ayers Will Make Good

Richmond has said "good-by" to Doctor Yancey Wyatt Ayers. Doctor Ayers came to us a fledgling. He leaves one of the most finished products ever turned out of the Virginia League.



He has more to learn than he has acquired. He has been two years in professional baseball. His start was a joke; his exit is the cause for joy on the part of the opposing teams and sorrow on the part of those who journeyed to the ball park only when Doctor Ayers's pitching was to be the attraction. On the 12:01 train to-day Doctor Ayers will journey to his new field of endeavor. What he has accomplished here has gone before him.

They know his record in the home of President Woodrow Wilson. But some of the things they do not know are the many times when this big hulk of a man, outwardly at least, but a child at heart, was discouraged; when he was ready to quit, but that a stout heart and a spirit bred in the mountains and sustained by generations of hardy mountaineer forbears kept him at it.

He made good. In the final estimate that's the test. He made good, and those of us who admire pluck and courage and willingness and a stout heart will follow his career in the big league with the hope that his success has just begun.

AYERS IS PRESENTED WITH TWO SUIT CASES WHILE CROWD CHEERS

Richmond's Premier Hurler Bids Adieu After Winning First Game for Colts—Second Contest With Portsmouth Proves Doleful Affair, Colts Losing Through Poor Playing.

BY GUS MALBERT.

It was 2:30 by the clock, 2:30 in the afternoon. A lurid September sun shone down upon all alike, and some more than that. There was a hush of expectancy. Even the derelicts up in the coop quivered with an unborn thrill, anticipating that soon there would be something doing.

The grass was green, a not uncommon quality with some kinds of grass. The little girl with her party clothes on shivered and laid hand upon a palpitating heart. Suddenly, with measured tread, there came upon the scene a florid giant, done in knickerbockers and a shirt; also shoes and stockings. Our hero, for it was he, smiled. He was taken greatly by surprise. He had barely forty-eight hours' notice of what was to happen, therefore small reason to wonder that he quaked in awe.

Honest John Jay Shamokin Kelly, swathed in immaculate blue, caught the unwilling arm of the bashful youth. Dotted the scene were some twosome of bottle—scratch that bottle out, battle is the word—battle-scarred veterans of many gruesome campaigns.

Leonidas Garvin, veteran of the Lou Castro war; Willie Howdell and Lefty Brown, privates in that sanguinary conflict, the Battle of Bull Con; Scotty Carter and William Evans, wearers of the Order of the Garter; Spider Boyd and Will Laval, pensioners after their heroic struggles with the Wurtz Burghers—all and more of that noble tribe, of whom too, yea, too few are left, gathered in doleful ranks.

Kelly's Great Speech.

"Mister Dochtor Ayer-r-r, I am requested by th' mnam't, th' gentlem'n of Richm'nd, th' bahl play'r's and the rott'n umpires of th' Virginy League, to present these two suit cases and what goes with 'em," said Honest John Jay.

"I thank you," said the doctor. "Hurrah," said the crowd.

The exercises were over. Doctor Ayers had been wished his farewell. The girl with the palpitating heart, feeling that the doctor had acquitted himself nobly, settled back peacefully. Pug Hick's son, Pug, Jr., grabbed the suit case and the traveling bag and took them to the bench. The sun still shone. Lee Garvin's wishers for next Saturday gave their college yell, and then—

Ayers Wins First.  
Doe Ayers won the first game of the bargain entertainment, by a score of 2 to 1, closed his career by catching a fly ball punched into the air by the name Mr. Garvin, making the last out in the last game he is to pitch in the Virginia League. He had a rather stormy time winning, but he won, and he kept up the record he had established during the season by allowing but five hits.

After the first game, the Griffmen proceeded to show Portsmouth what good fellows they could be. They won the second, 8 to 5, with Lefty Brown working against our newest product, Sanborn, bought from the Rome club of the Appalachian League, for a price said to be \$250. Mr. Sanborn was wild, there's no question about his wildness, but, putting every fault he showed in the scale, he has the best of the argument, as opposed to the horrible, nay, terrible work done by the eight other young men assisting him.

The Colts scored first in the third inning of the opening engagement in Johnny Ace, who has entirely recovered, singled to left and the doctor pushed him to second with a sacrifice.

VIRGINIA LEAGUE

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.  
Richmond, 2; Portsmouth, 1 (first game).  
Richmond, 5; Portsmouth, 8 (second game).  
Roanoke, 4; Newport News, 1 (first game).  
Roanoke, 9; Newport News, 8 (second game).  
Petersburg, 2; Norfolk, 1 (first game).  
Petersburg, 5; Norfolk, 1 (second game).

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Petersburg	86	42	.672
Roanoke	77	55	.584
Richmond	71	56	.559
Portsmouth	60	72	.438
Newport News	49	80	.380
Norfolk	47	81	.367

WHERE THEY PLAY MONDAY.  
Richmond at Norfolk.  
Petersburg at Newport News.  
Portsmouth at Roanoke.

after which Doe Newton tripled, scoring Johnny. Newton was caught at the plate on a perfect peg by Klein, the local sandlotter, on Laval's loft to centre.

The second and last tally was made in the fifth. Mace beat an infield roller down third base, and went to (Continued on Fifth Page.)

WRESTLING BOUT THURSDAY NIGHT

Joe Turner and Con. Albright to Meet in Battle for World's Championship.

Joe Turner, who threw Jack Jordan, of Toledo, at Washington, Thursday night, and Con. Albright, who wrestled "Young" Olson to a draw the same night, will meet at Broad Street Park Thursday night at 8:45 o'clock in a bout for the world's middleweight championship.

Albright is known as the "Western Wildcat," and when he wrestled Turner here a few weeks ago lost the mill because of having hit his head against the floor, which rendered him unconscious and was thereafter totally unfit to finish the bout. Albright's friends and supporters, who are many, clean, and knows all the finer points of the game. While Albright announced he did not fear Turner's famous toe hold, that hold will, however, be barred, and this insures a longer and harder fought match.

Turner and Albright are in the very best condition, and will come together at 8:45 o'clock Thursday night, following a preliminary between local wrestlers. Women will be admitted free. Following are the comparative measurements of the wrestlers:

Albright.

5 ft. 5 in.	Height	5 ft. 7 3/4 in.
155	Weight	158
17 1/2	Neck	17 1/2
46 1/2	Chest Normal	48 1/2
46 1/2	Chest Expanded	48 1/2
31	Waist	30
16	Biceps	15 1/2
13 1/2	Forearm	12 1/2
8 1/2	Wrist	8
22	Thigh	21 1/2
16 1/2	Calf	16

BLUES HOLD FIRST FOOTBALL TRYOUT

Fifteen Candidates for Eleven Report to Captain Word at Byrd Park.

The Blues football team had their first practice yesterday afternoon at Byrd Park, and made a very good start, as fifteen men met Captain Word. An easy workout of two hours was held, and though greatly handicapped by the heat, the squad showed great progress before they were dismissed. Nothing very heavy was attempted, but Trainer Richardson put them through preliminary practice, such as punting, running, signal drill and running down punts, and he also instructed the team in the best method of getting in condition and from now on the strictest training rules will be enforced.

Regular practice will begin Monday night under Coach "Billy" Sitterding, and will be held every night until the game with Hampton-Sidney on September 20. The whole team realizes that they have a big proposition on their hands in this game, and are working with a determination to make a good showing.

KNOXVILLE BEATS JOHNSON CITY

Knoxville, Tenn., September 6.—Knoxville defeated Johnson City in the third game of the post-season series today by a score of 4 to 1. Knoxville now has won two of the necessary four games. Three games are scheduled for Johnson City beginning Monday.